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# BROKEN KITE

Chapter 5 of  
**CUBS** in  
**TOYLAND**

DARIEN!

OOAH!

HEY!

I'M NOT FLYING!

NOPE!  
THIS IS GOING TO KNOCK THE STUFFING RIGHT OUT OF YOU!

RIDE ON THE KILL TRAIN!

BET YOU WISH YOU HAD PROPER STUFFING NOW, HUH, BOY?

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YOU DARE?

YOU COME TO THE WONDERFUL SHORE, TO **RAKE** AND **HARRY** AMONG THE DISCARDIA, AND IMAGINE YOU CAN DO SO WITH IMPUNITY?

BASE ANIMAL!



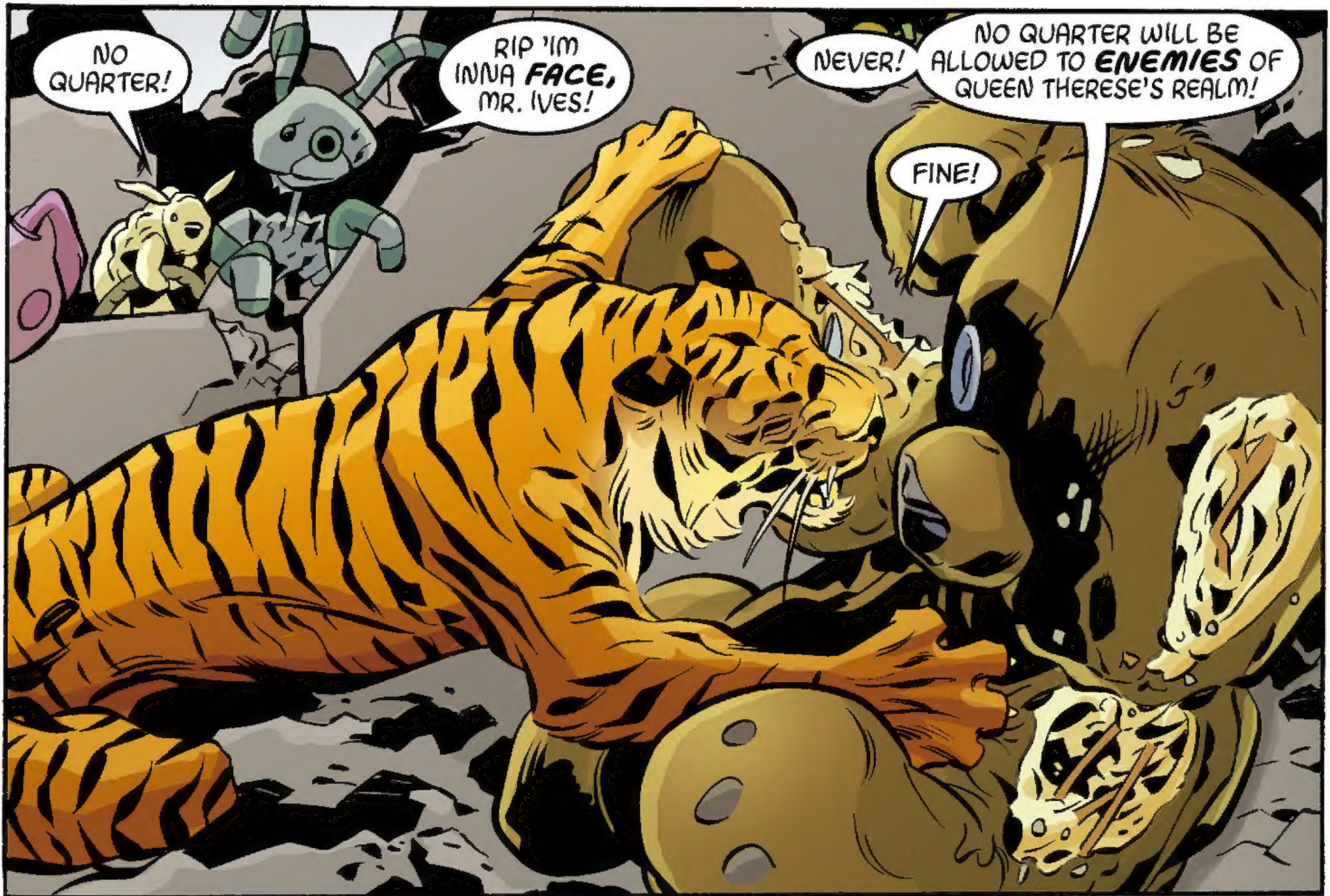
NOT TODAY!

NO, SIR! NOT ON *my* WATCH!



I ASK FOR QUARTER, SIR!

LET ME SEE TO THE BOY, THEN WE CAN *CONTINUE* OUR DUEL AS HONORABLE SOLDIERS.





YRRUGGK!

ALONG WITH THE STRENGTH OF LIMBS *IMBUED* WITH THE VIRTUE OF MY NOBLE STATION!



BY MY PUISSANT GRACE!

**CRAACKKK!**



AND FIDELITY TO QUEEN AND COUNTRY.



WOW!

MR. IVES IS A GIANT **BAD-ASS!**



IT'S DONE.

**BIND** THIS CREATURE OF TRUE MEAT AND BONE. BIND HIM WELL.

I HAVE AN IDEA.

Y'OKAY, BOSS.



THE MUNDY WORLD.

FEI LIAN!  
EURUS! WIND OF  
THE EAST!

YORUBA!  
LADY NOTUS!  
STORM MOTHER!  
SOUTH WIND!

YAPONCHA!  
ZEPHYRUS! WEST  
WIND!

I KNOW YOU'RE  
NEAR.

I KNOW YOU  
CAN HEAR  
ME.

LET'S  
TALK.

WE'RE HERE,  
WOLF.

WHAT WOULD  
YOU HAVE OF US  
NOW?

THIS CREATURE SHOULD  
HAVE *NOTHING* OF US. WE'RE  
GODS! SO *HOW* THEN ARE WE  
TO BE AT HIS BECK AND  
CALL?









DARIEN AND THERESE AREN'T ON THIS WORLD ANYMORE. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW.

WINTER SAYS SHE CAN'T SENSE THEM IN ANY OF THE WORLDS IN HER--WHAT DO YOU CALL THEM? JURISDICTION? TERRITORY?

SO, I WANT YOU TO SEARCH THE WORLDS YOU CONTROL. **EVERY** WORLD YOU CAN GET TO, IN FACT.

FIND MY KIDS AND I'LL FIND A WAY TO **REWARD** YOU.

SOME-HOW.

AND IF WE REFUSE TO RUN YOUR INCONSEQUENTIAL ERRANDS?



THEN I'LL FIND A WAY TO **PUNISH** YOU.

MEANWHILE...

GET OUT!

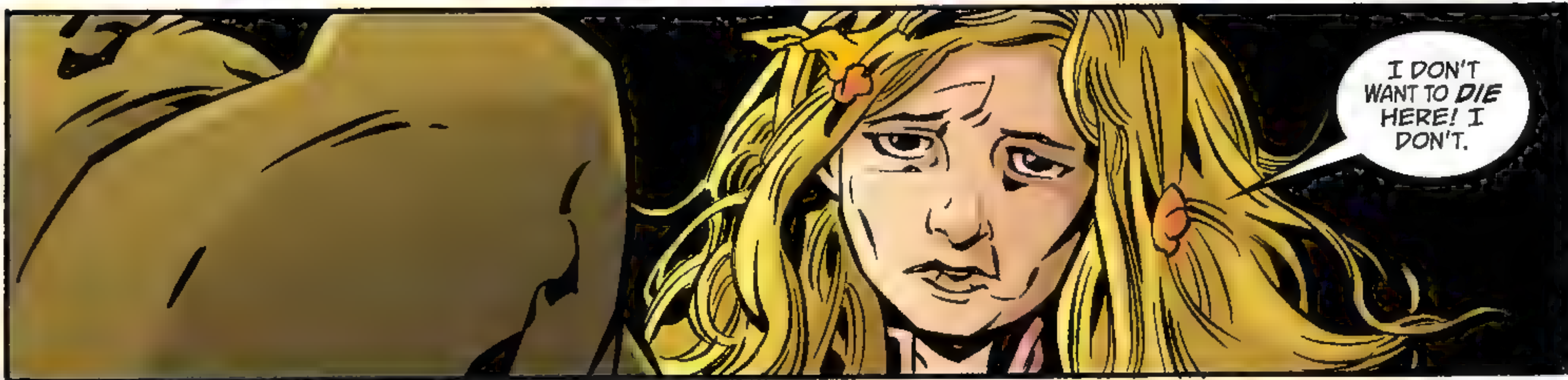
ALL OF YOU!

YOU TOO, MR. IVES!

LEAVE ME ALONE, UNTIL YOU CAN FEED ME!

I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE ANY-MORE!

I WANT TO GO HOME AND I PROMISE FROM NOW ON I'LL EAT **EVERYTHING** ON MY PLATE EVERY NIGHT! EVEN MEATLOAF AND PEAS!



I DON'T WANT TO DIE HERE! I DON'T.



LISTEN, YOU LITTLE BRAT!

I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT **ENOUGH** OF YOUR TANTRUMS AND BLUBBERING!



THIS IS DEADLAND! **EVERY** CHILD HERE DIES! WHY DO YOU THINK WE WERE **SENT** HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

NO, MR. IVES! NOT **YET!** SHE ISN'T READY!



"OF COURSE I WAS CHEMICALLY TREATED AND PASSED ALL THE **SAFETY** TESTING, SO MY STUFFING BURNT OUT WITHIN THE REQUIRED TWO SECONDS.



"BUT NOT BEFORE THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE BLANKET, THEN TO THE ENTIRE BEDROOM.

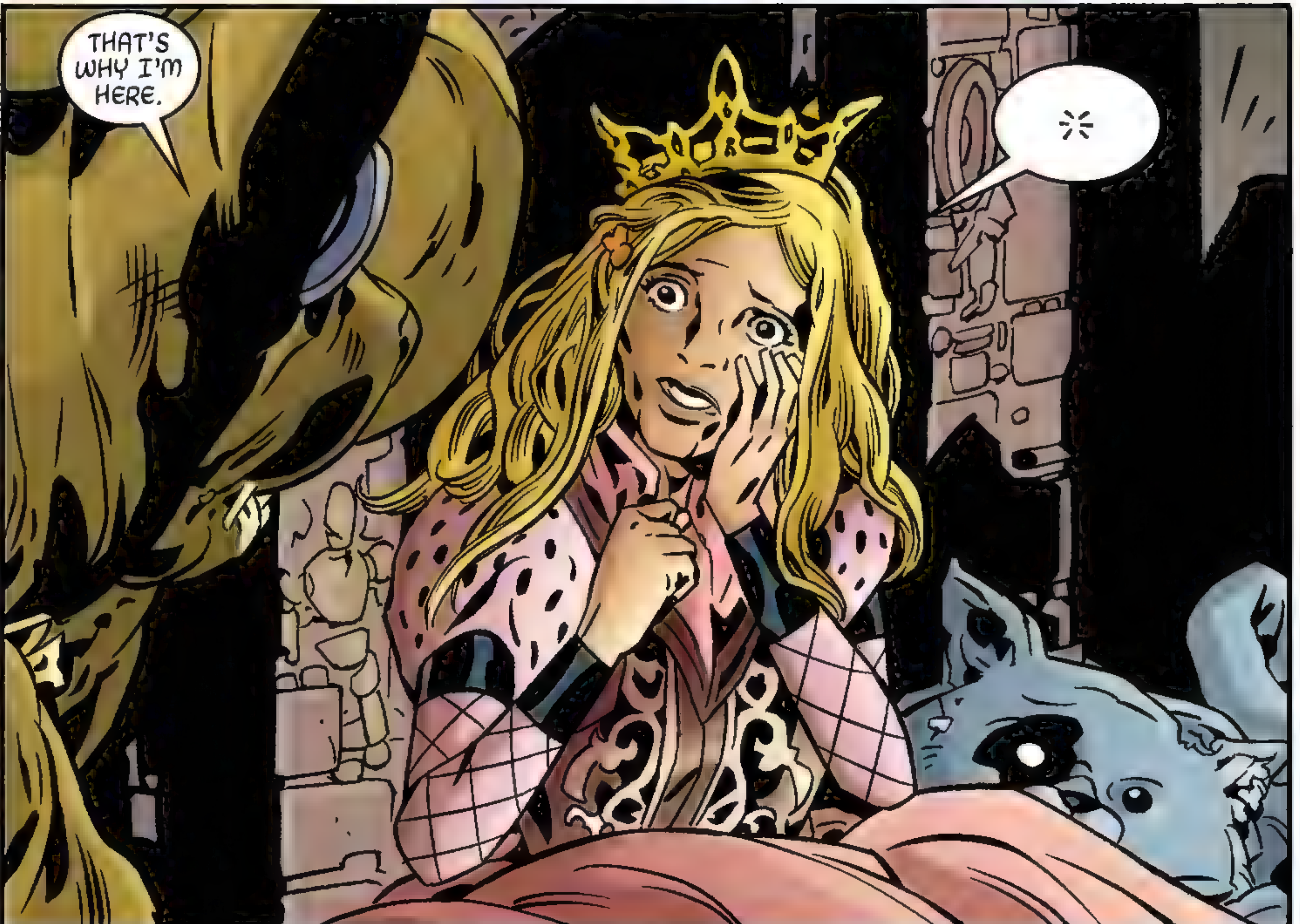


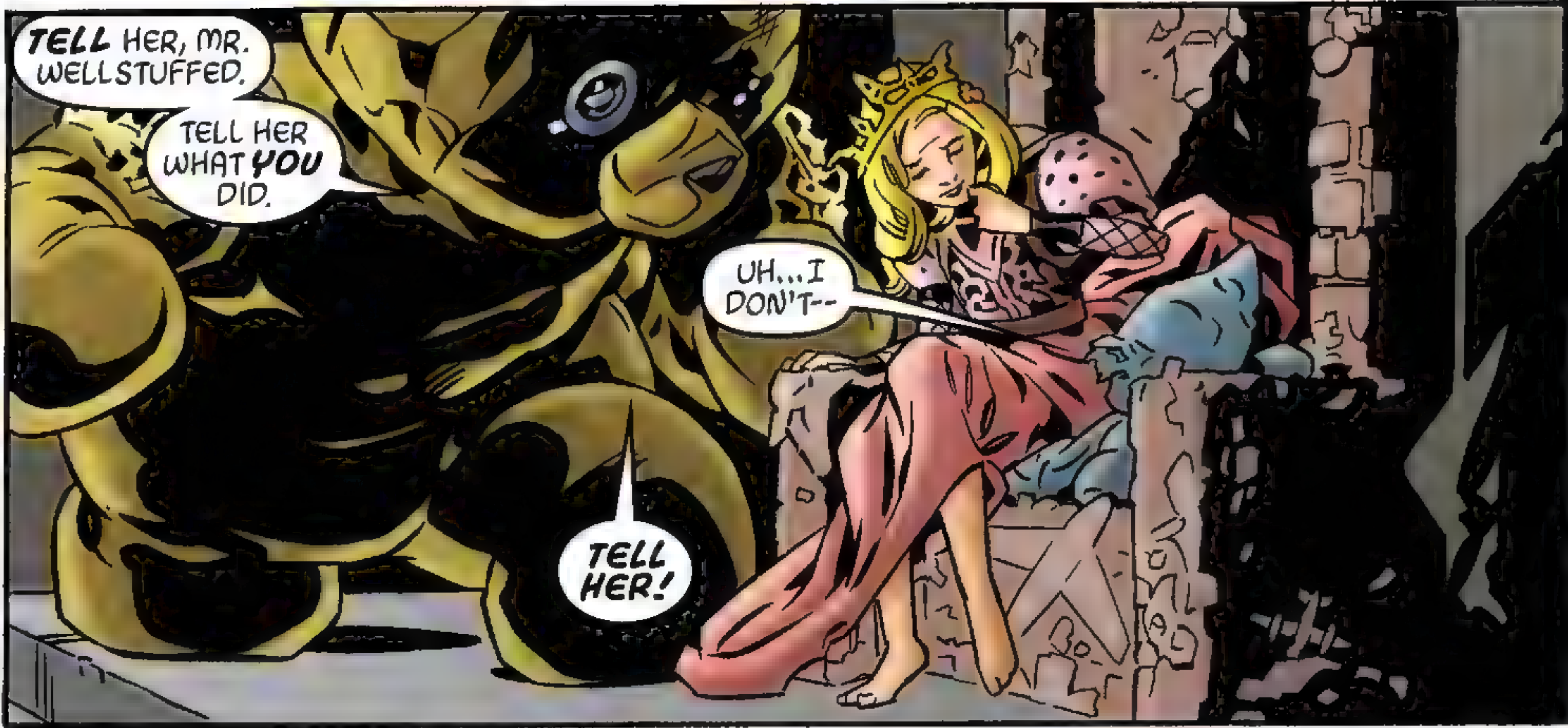
"IT'S REMARKABLE I SURVIVED, BUT THROUGH THE WHIMS OF CHANCE AND AIR CURRENTS, *my* CORNER OF THE ROOM REMAINED MOSTLY UNTOUCHED, WHILE ALL AROUND ME BURNED.

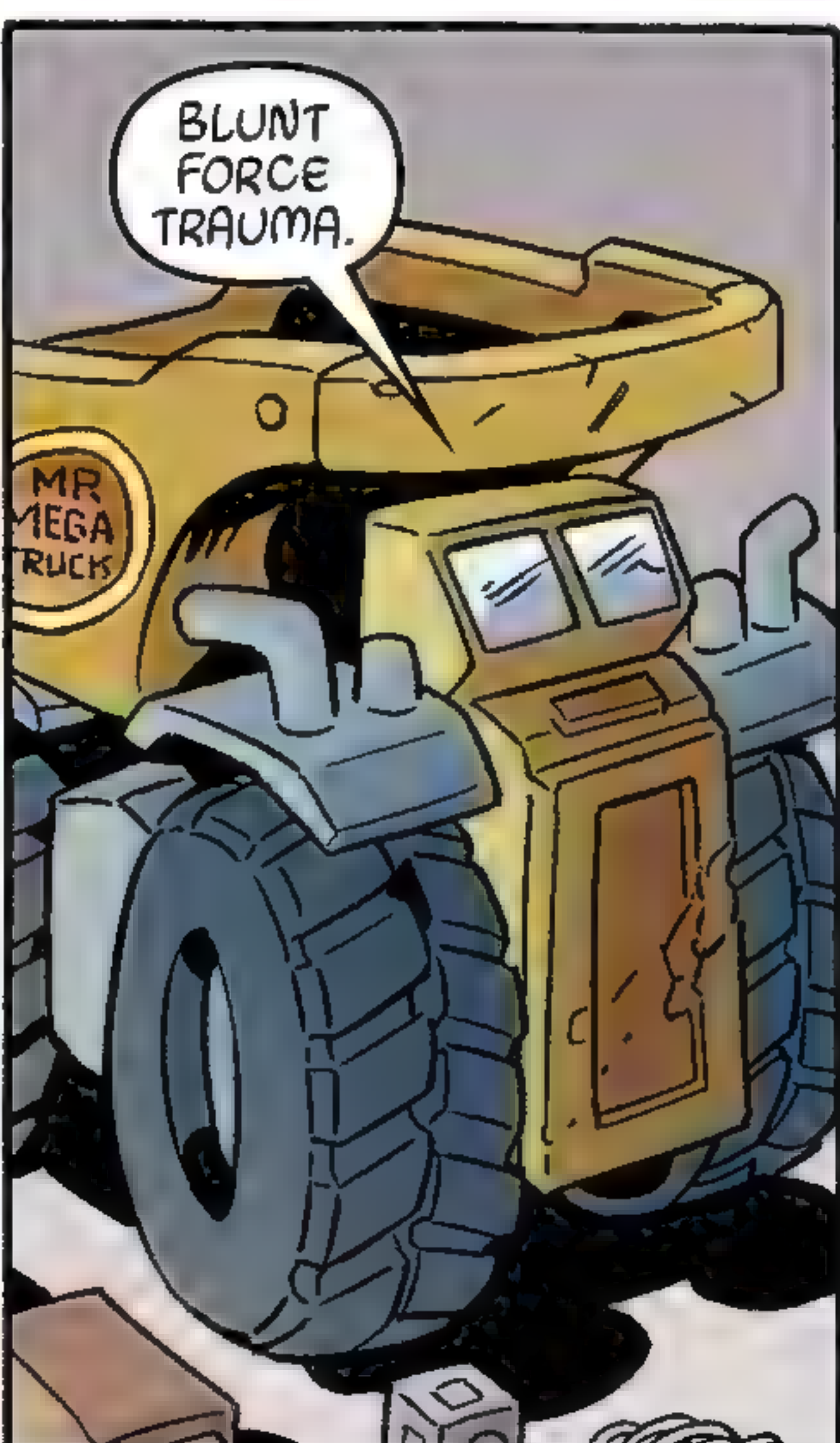
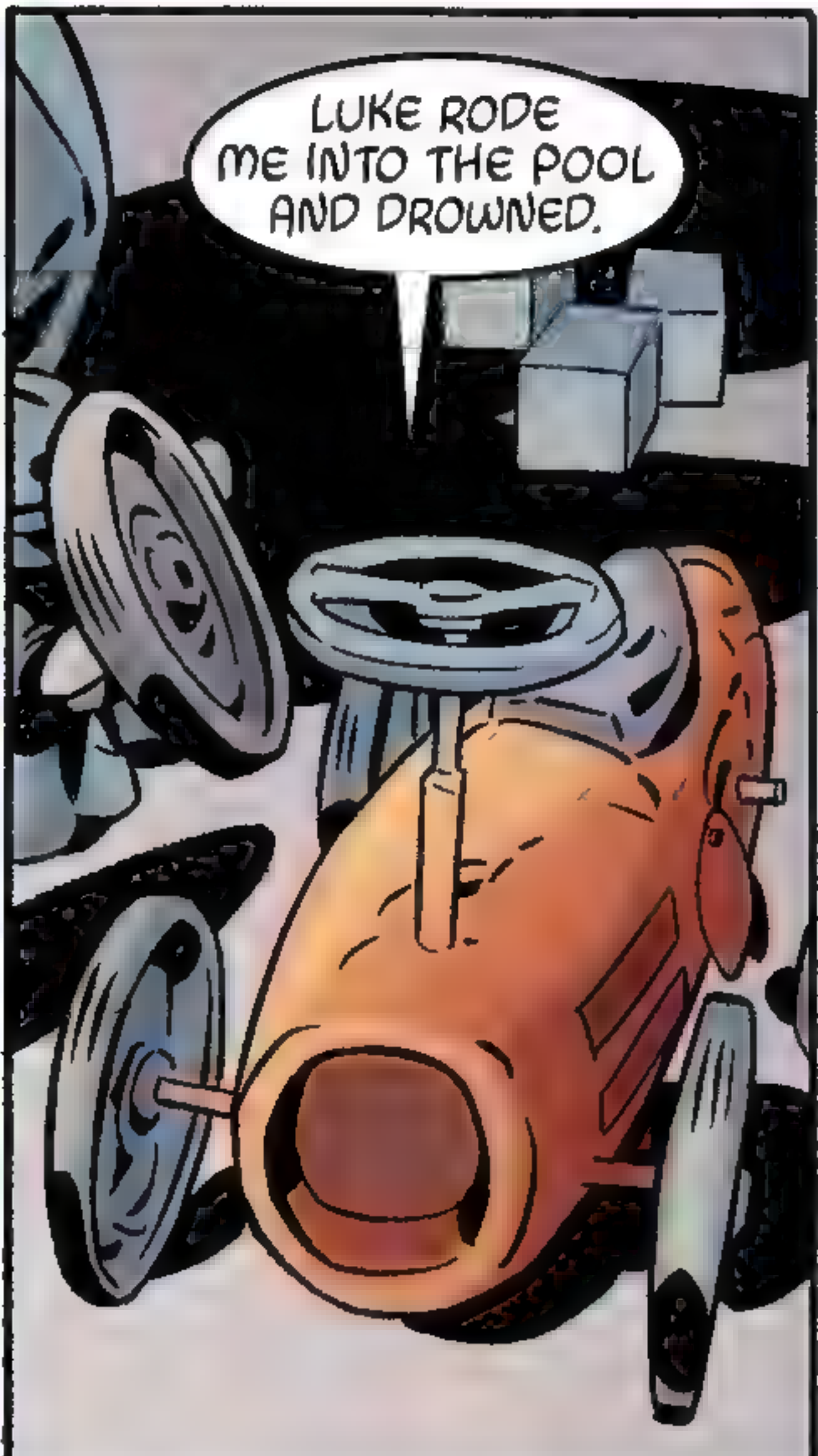
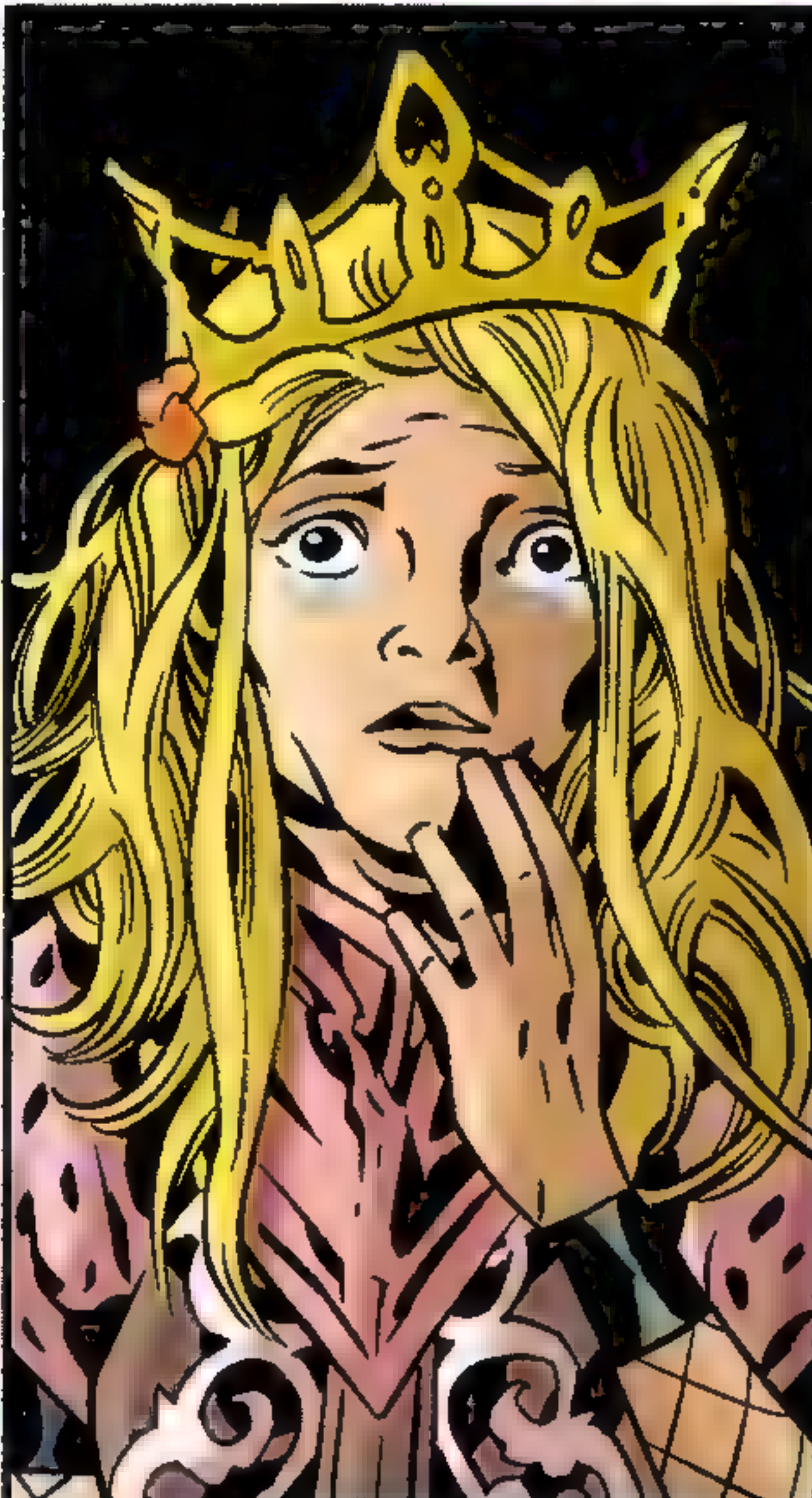
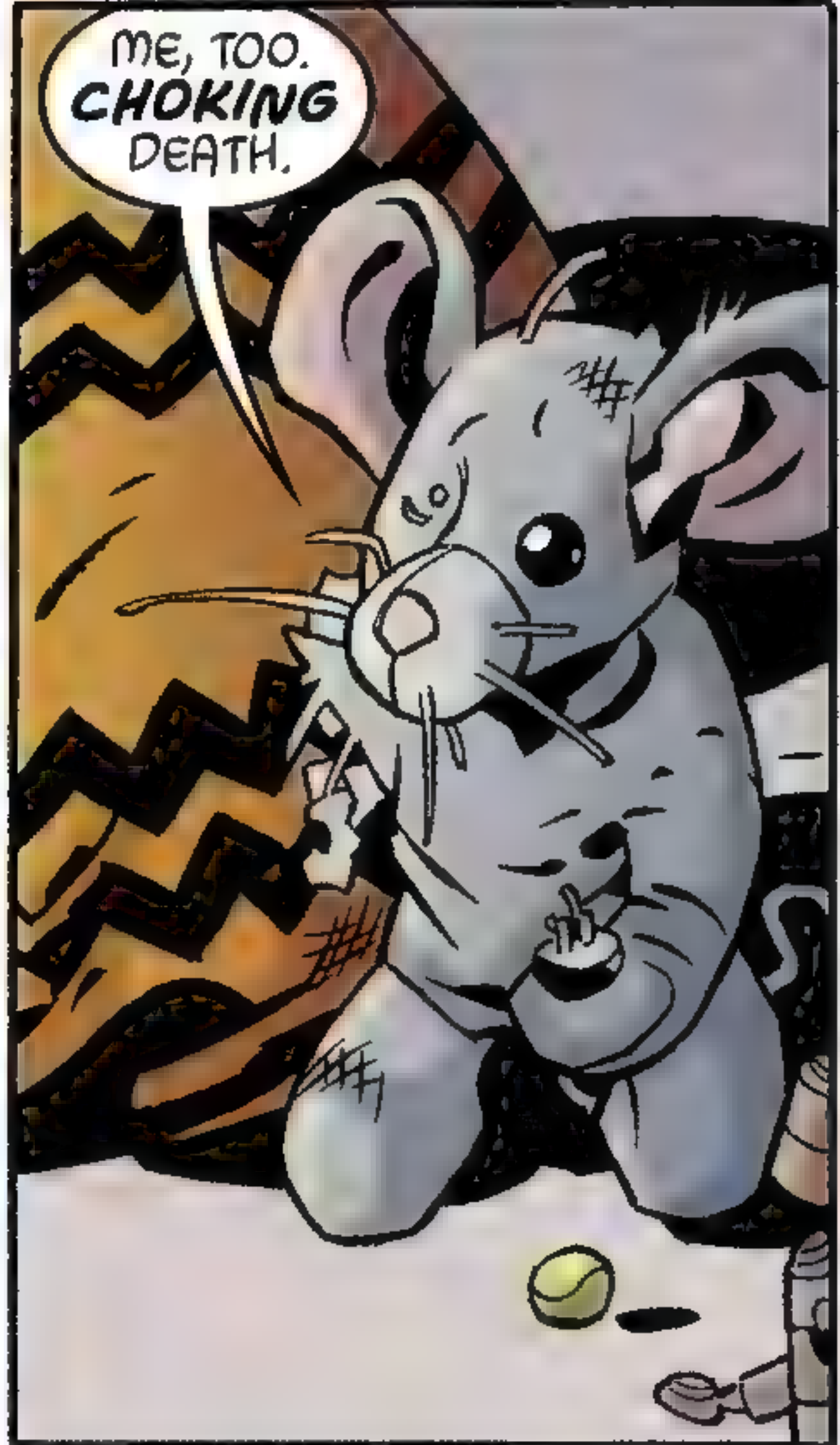
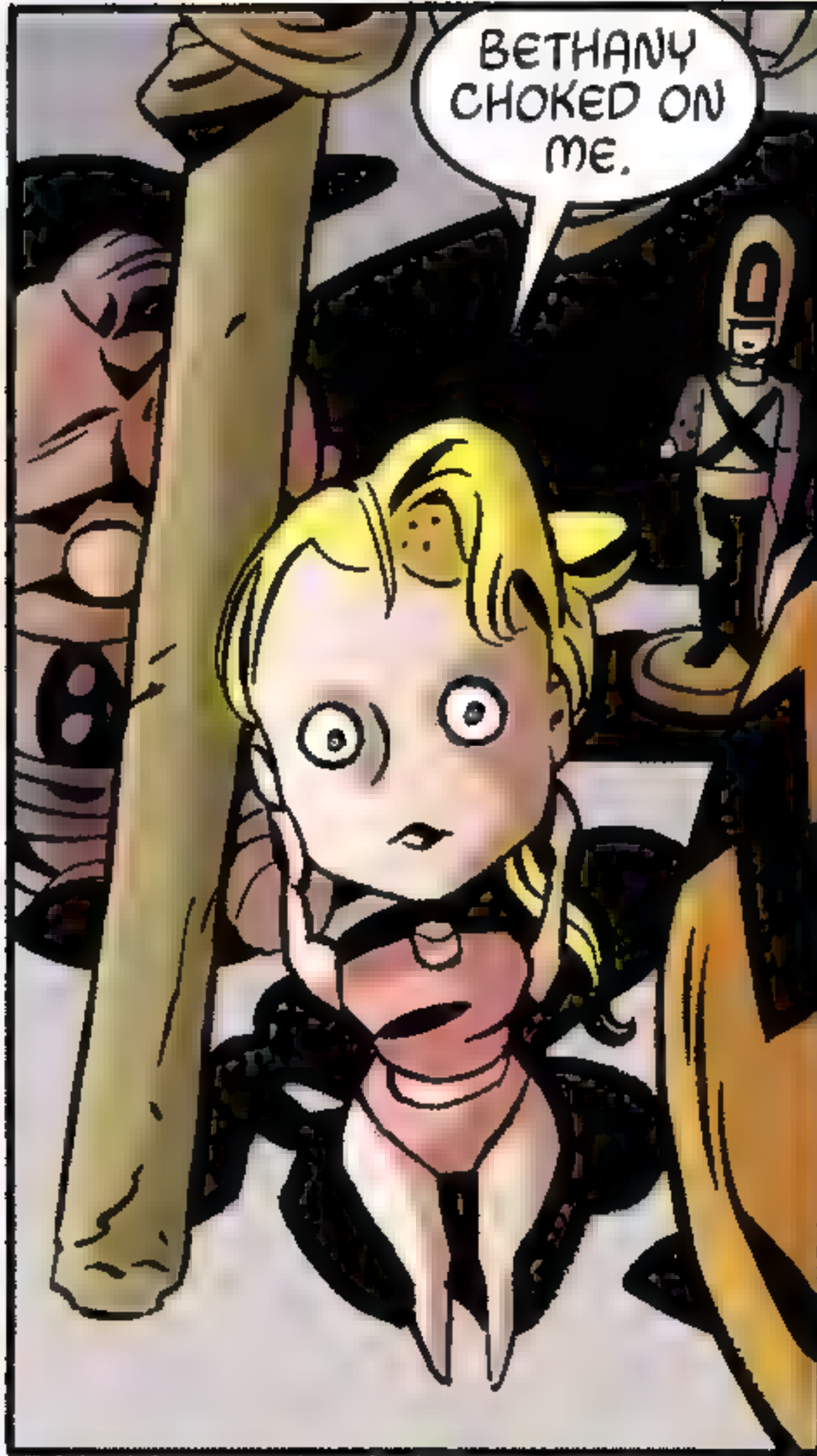
"BILLY AND BOBBY LINDER DIED SCREAMING IN THEIR TWIN CRIBS, WHILE I WATCHED."

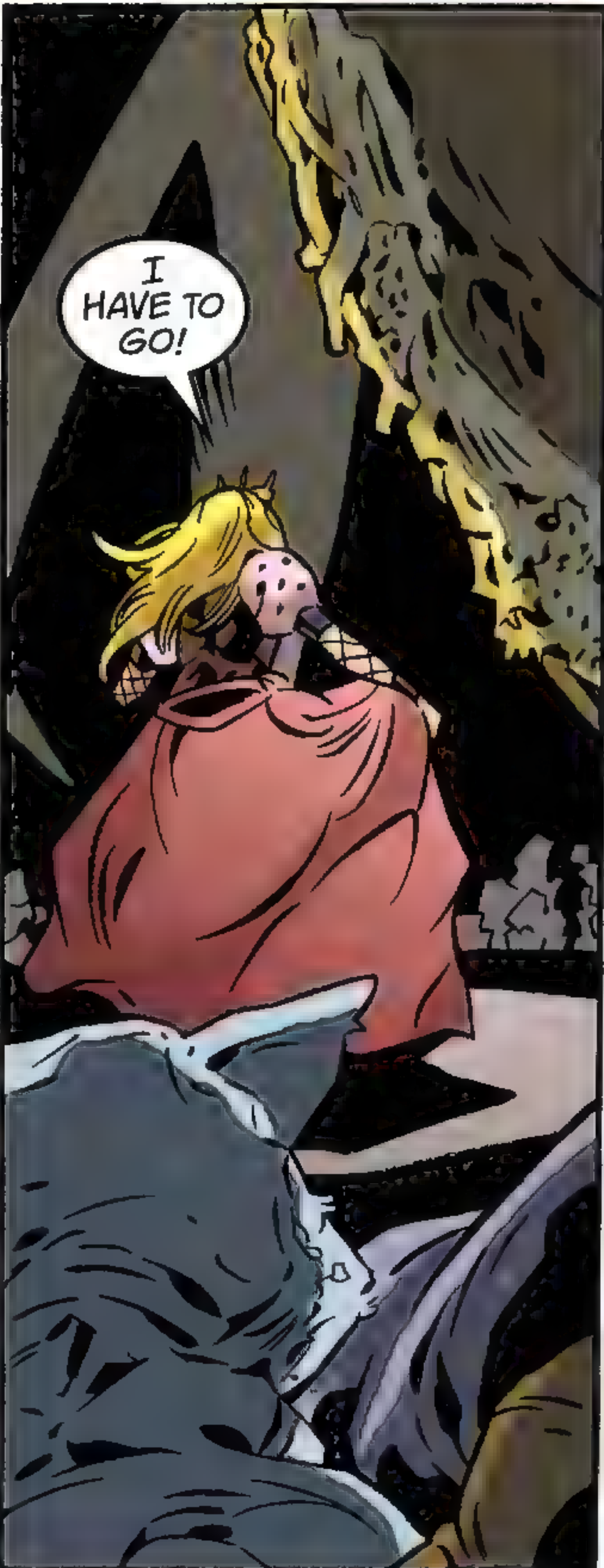
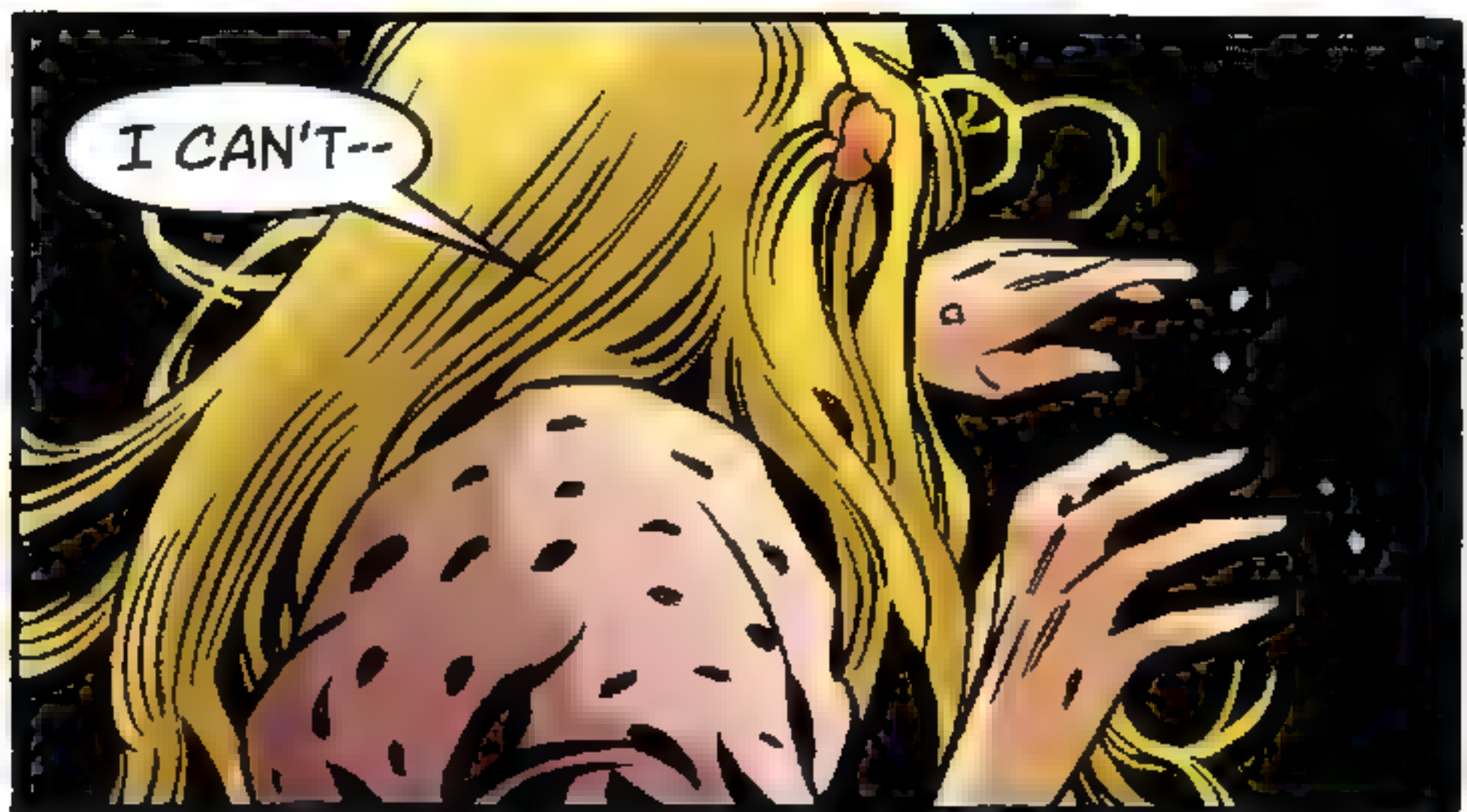
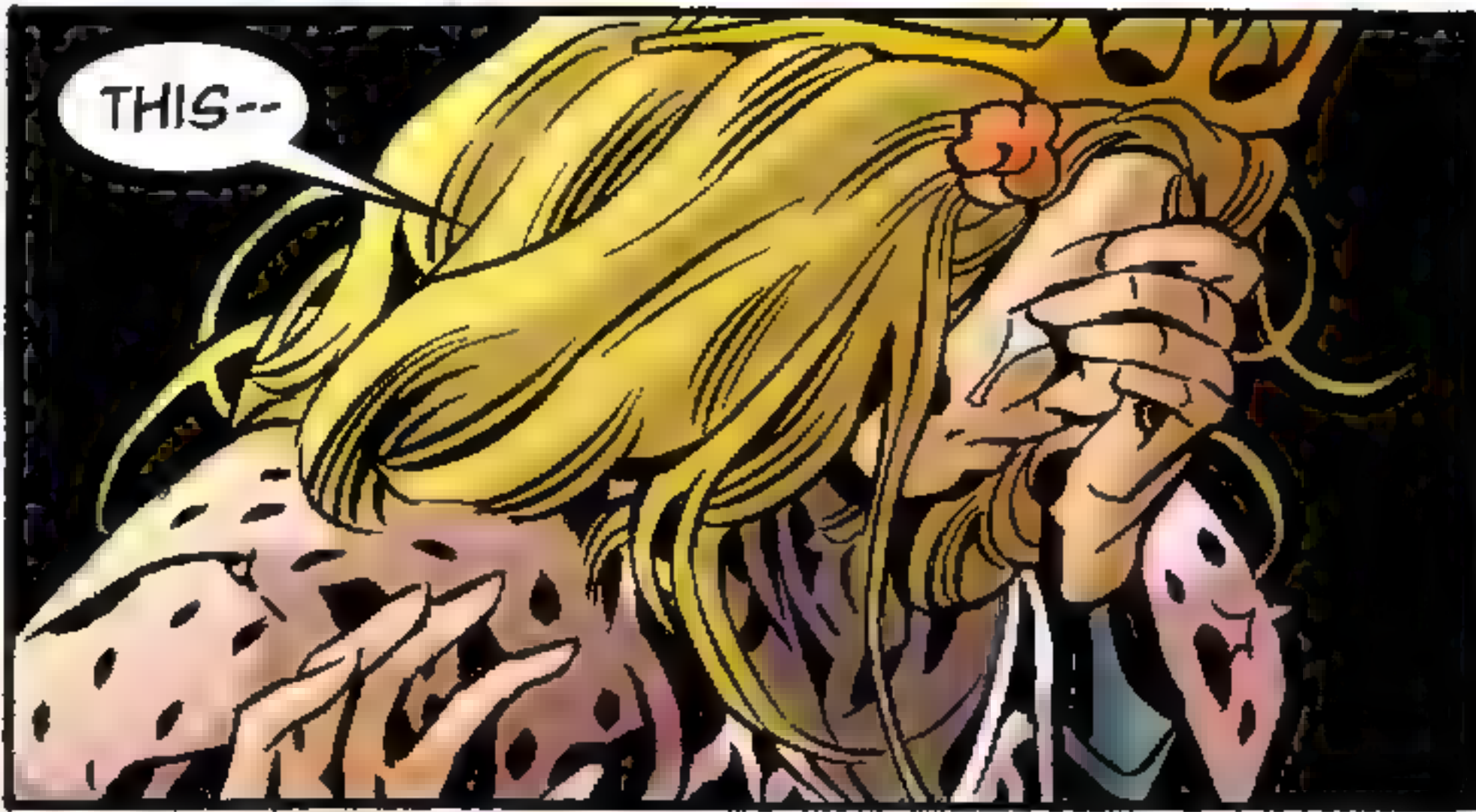
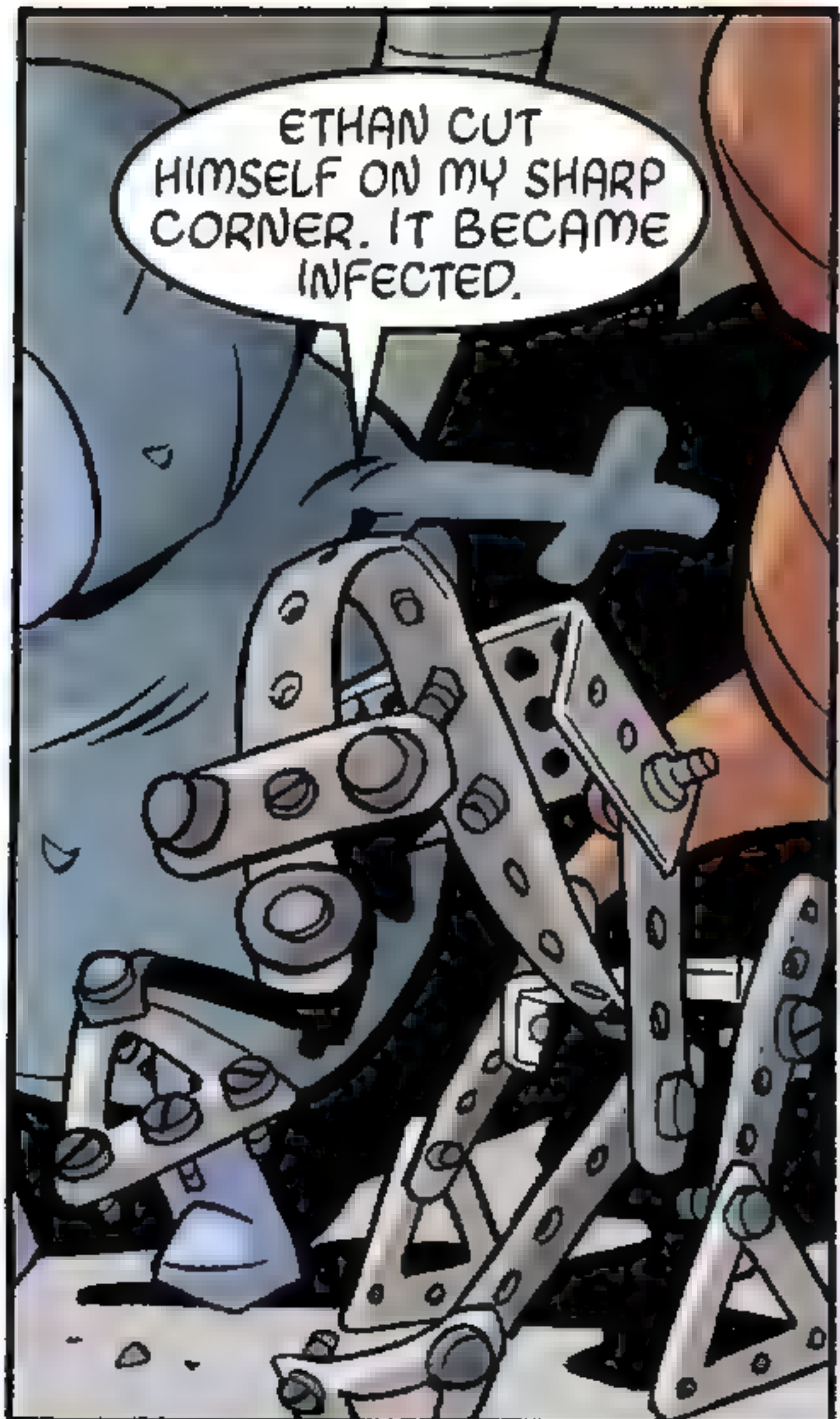
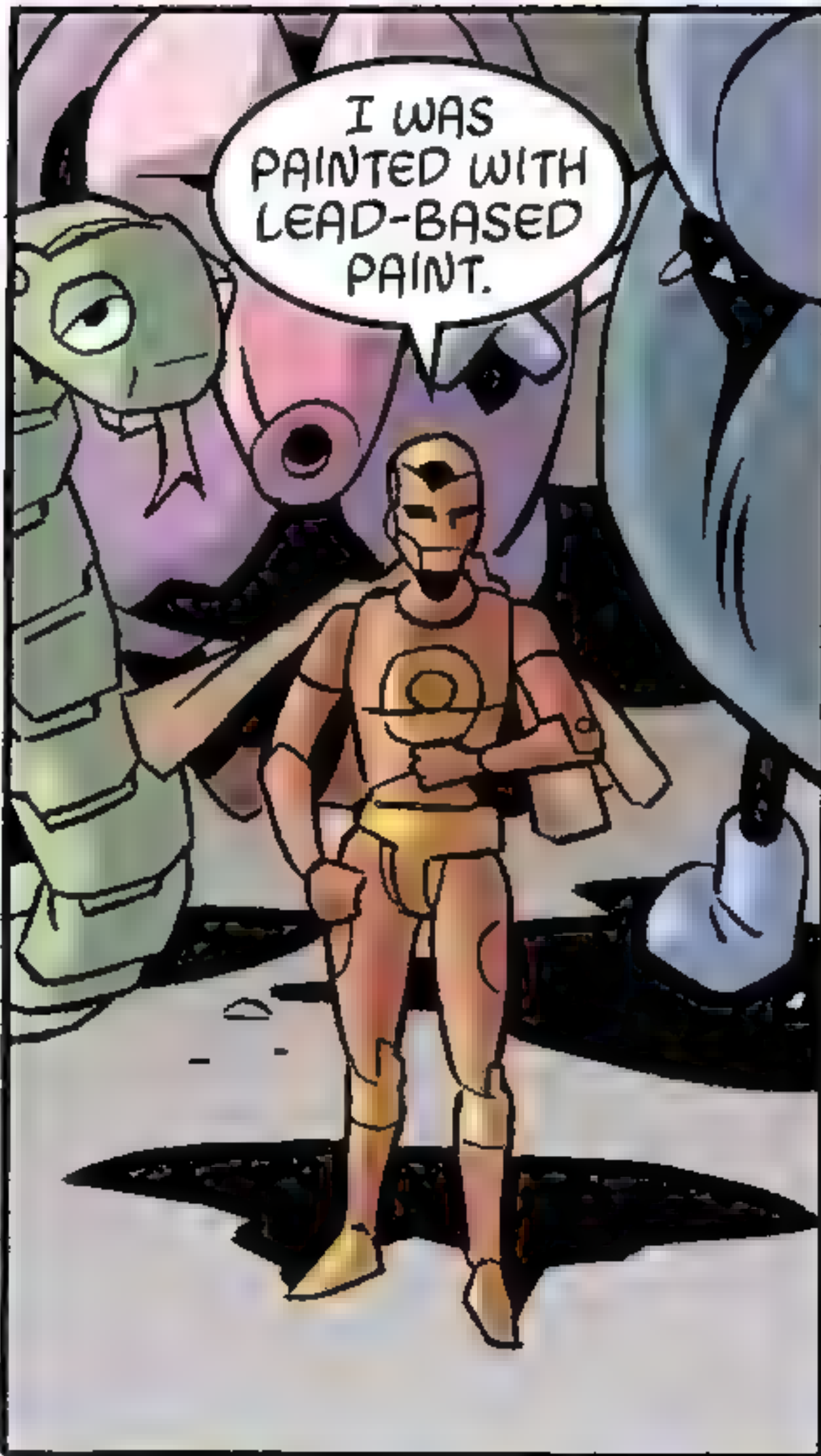


THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.











HER **WILL** IS BROKEN NOW. SHE CAN BE REMADE TO DO WHAT WE **NEED** OF HER.

WE MUST PROCEED **CAREFULLY** THOUGH, MR. IVES. SHE CAN BE BROKEN, BUT NOT SHATTERED.

IF SHE WERE TO FIND OUT WHAT WE DID TO HER **BROTHER...** WE SHOULD SEND A WORK CREW TO DISCREETLY DISPOSE OF HIS BODY.

~HHRRRGH~

THERESE.

I'M NOT DEAD.

REMEMBER WHAT DAD SAID.

YOU'RE STILL ALIVE--

--YOU STILL FIGHT.



WE'LL REGROUP FOR--

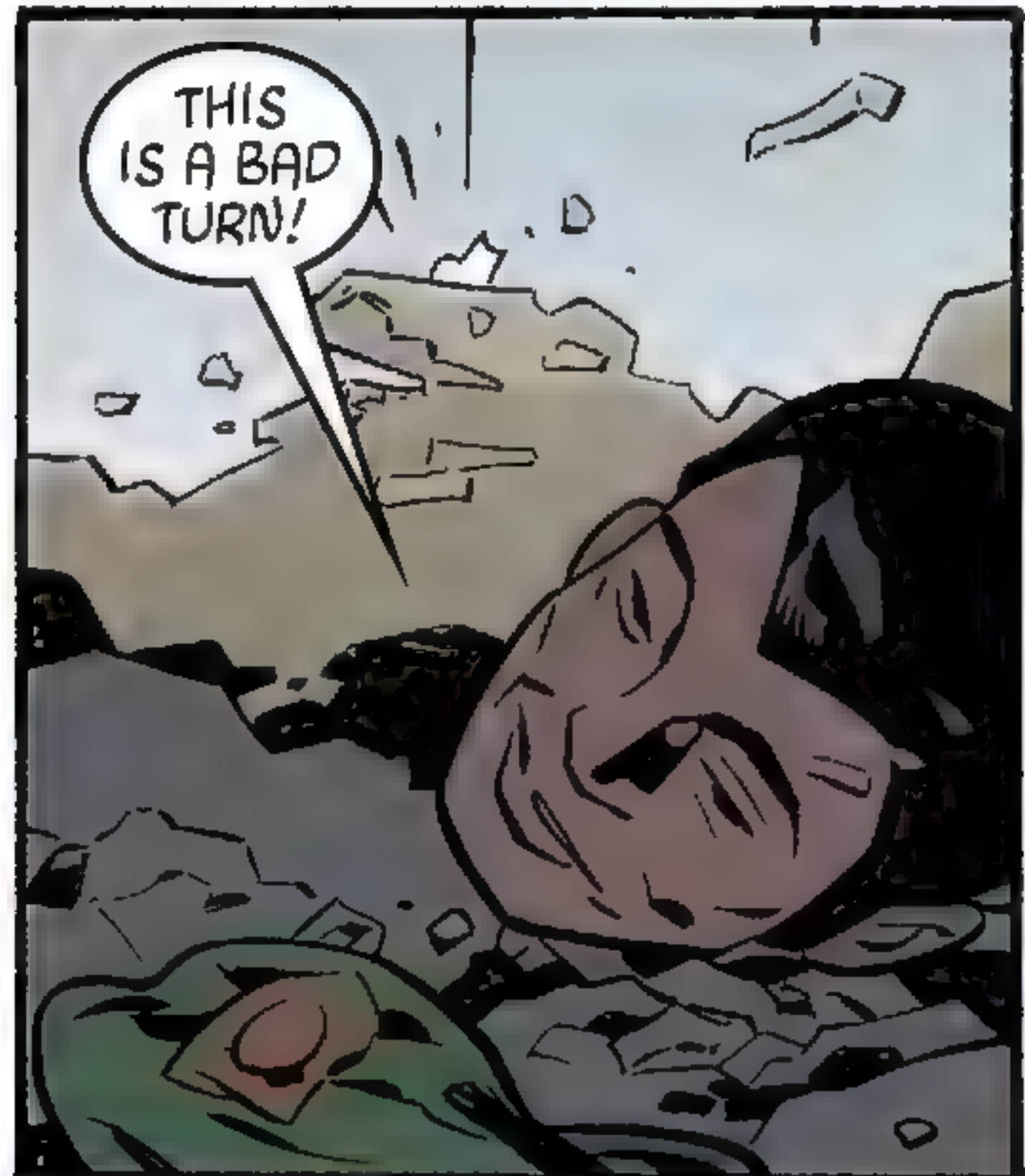


YRURP?

OH NO.



OW!



THIS IS A BAD TURN!



RANGER MIKE?

I'M AFRAID I'M **DONE** FOR, COMMANDER. BAD LUCK.

YOU'RE ON YOUR **OWN** NOW.



# A REVOLUTION in **OZ**

## Chapter Four: BOUNTY ON THE MUTINY

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SO NOW  
THAT THE CAT'S  
OUT OF THE  
BAG--

I HATE  
THAT EXPRES-  
SION.

--HOW ARE  
WE GOING TO  
PROCEED?


THE MAIN  
THING I NOTICED  
IN DIRE CAPTIVITY  
IS NO ONE LIKES  
THE NEW OZ  
EMPIRE.

THEY ALL KNOW  
IT SUCKS AND EVERYONE  
**FEELS** SUCKY BEING  
SUCKED INTO IT.

SO ROQUAT,  
THE NOME KING,  
ISN'T SITTING TOO  
**COMFY** ON HIS  
THRONE.

WHICH IS  
WHY OUR FIRST STEP IS TO  
RAMP UP THE PRESSURE ON HIM,  
INCREASING HIS DISCOMFORT  
**EXPONENTIALLY.**


OOH, I  
LIKE THAT WORD.  
MONKEY TALKS  
GOOD!




I PROPOSE  
WE OFFER A FAT  
**BOUNTY** ON  
ROQUAT'S STONY  
HEAD.




THAT'S  
A LOVELY  
IDEA!




EXCEPT WE'VE GOT  
NO TREASURE TO **USE**  
FOR THE BOUNTY.



NOTHING?




NOT UNLESS YOU  
WANT TO START GIVING  
AWAY ALL THE BIG **MAGIC**  
STUFF WE RISKED SO MUCH  
TO CAPTURE.




NO, WE  
CAN'T DO THAT.  
WE NEED EVERY  
**SCRAP** OF THAT  
FOR THE FIGHTING.




OH DEAR.  
I DO BELIEVE  
OUR CONUN-  
DRUMS HAVE  
INCREASED  
**EXPONEN-**  
**TIALY.**



SO, IF WE  
DON'T HAVE THE  
CASH TO FLOAT A  
BIG PAYOUT, WHAT  
IF WE WENT THE  
**OTHER WAY?**



WADDAYA  
MEAN, LILY?



WHAT IF WE  
LOUDLY AND PUBLICLY  
OFFERED A REALLY **SMALL**  
PRICE ON HIS HEAD?  
WOULDN'T THAT HUMILIATE  
AS WELL AS ENRAGE  
HIM?



**GENIUS!**



TWO LOLLIPOPS?  
TWO LOLLIPOPS FOR MY HEAD?



THIS *INSULT* TO MY MOST AUGUST AND EXTRAORDINARY PERSONAGE CANNOT BE ENDURED!

GUARDS! SOLDIERS OF THE REALM! DIVERSE MONSTERS AND MECHANISMS!



CAN NO ONE RID ME OF THIS DAMNABLE MONKEY?!

REWARD!  
TWO LOLLIPOPS FOR THE CAPTURE OR DEATH OF THE STINKY POOP UPSTART EMPEROR, ROQUAT!  
Bufkin, the liberator.

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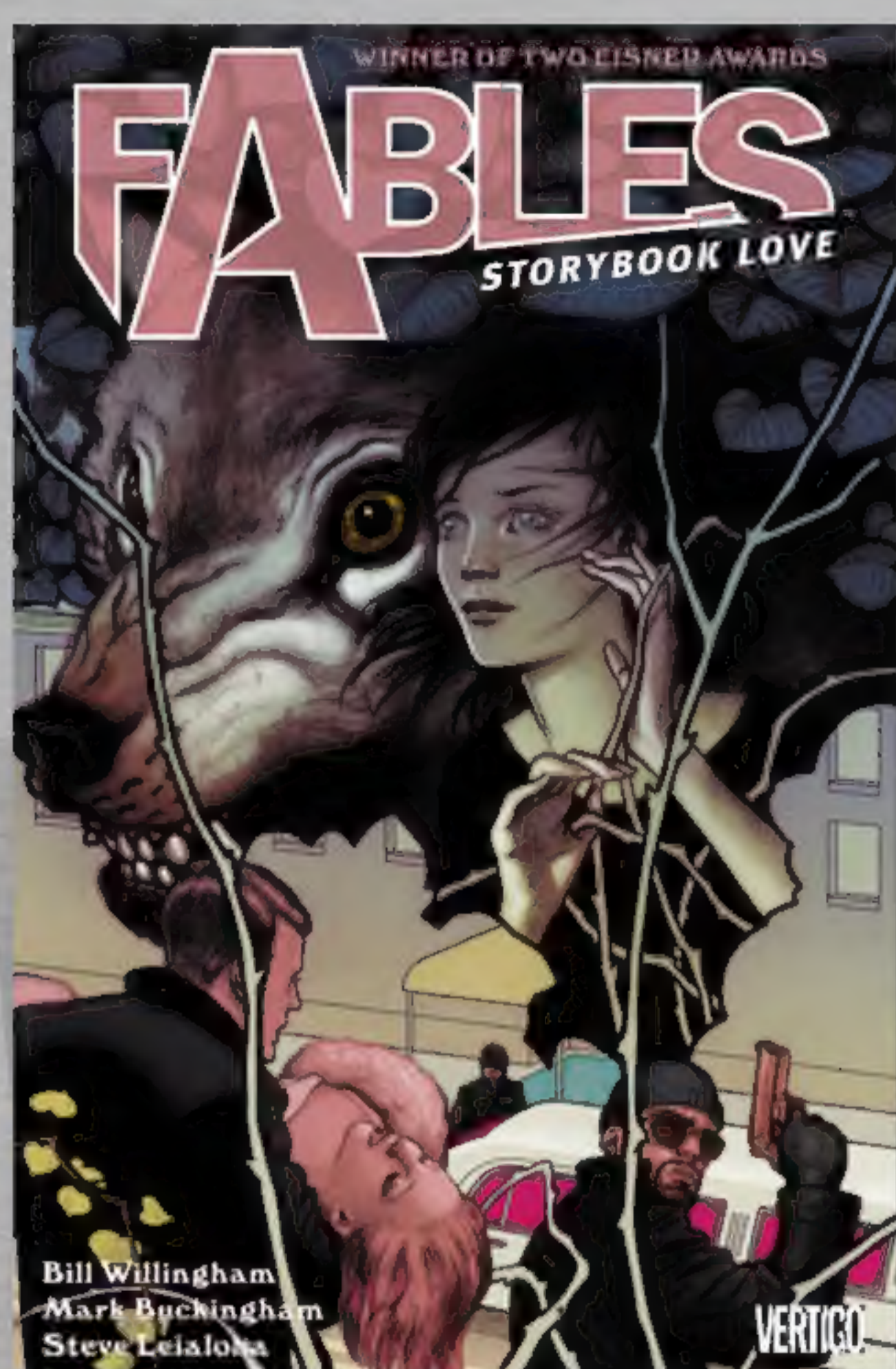
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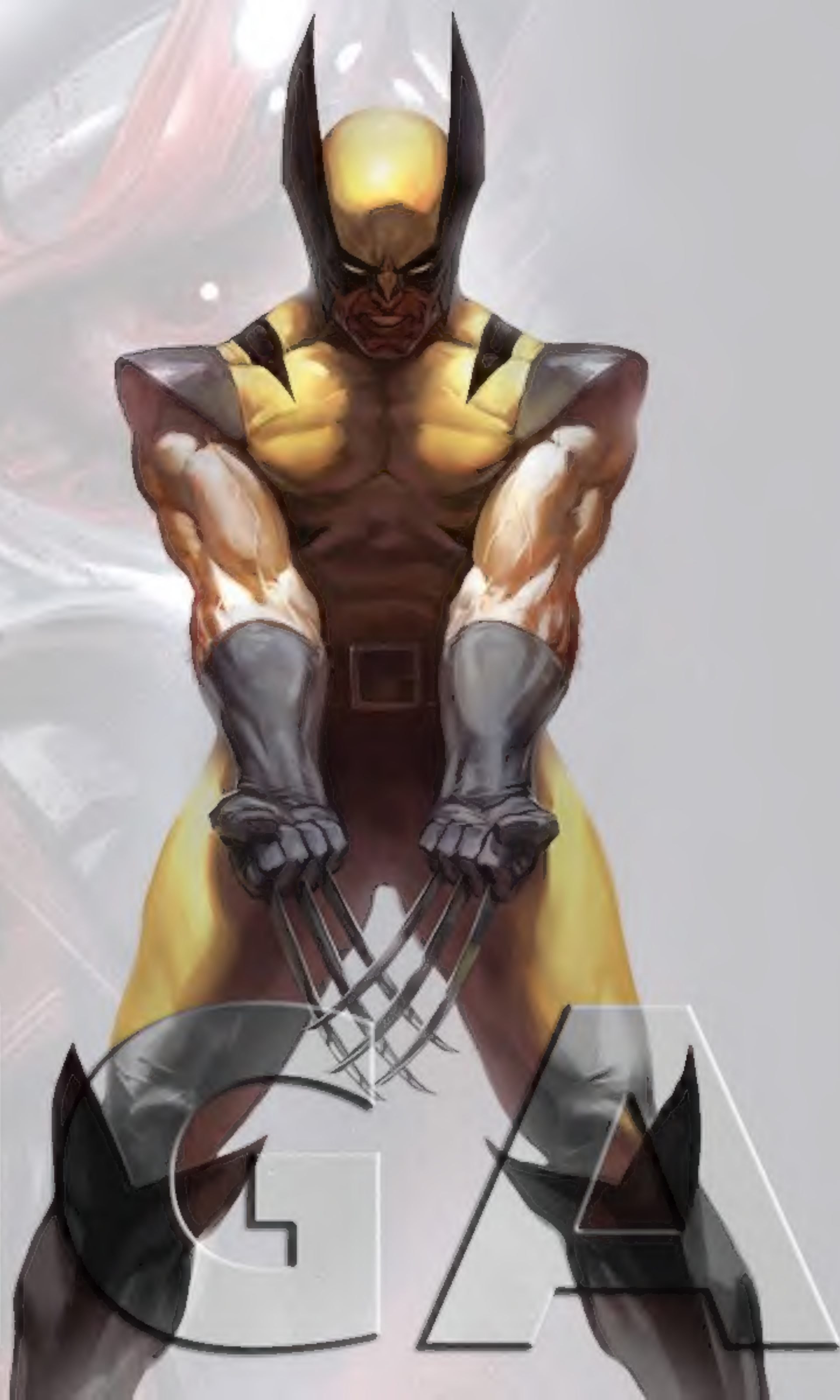


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